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CRITICIZE ALBANIAN PARTY DEFECTS

DEFECTS IN PEOPLE'S COUNCILS -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 15 Dec 51

The people's councils function on the basis of their legislation, which is approved by the People's Assembly. They operate after the pattern of the USSR soviets. The people's councils have the obligation of electing their executive organ, which is the executive committee. These committees are responsible to the people's councils and function under their direction. The councils elect and remove members of the executive committees according to definite rules and regulations. The functioning of the people's councils is of utmost importance, as these bodies represent the highest governmental authority in their particular areas. They resolve the most important problems of local significance, direct agricultural, political, and economic life, study and act upon questions of governmental procedure, approve local budgets, mobilize workers for the completion of specific tasks, encourage initiative among the masses, and channel this initiative appropriately for the improvement of cultural and economic life.

Unfortunately, there are defects in the actual functioning of the people's councils. An example of this is the matter of directives. According to law, the issuing of directives is the duty of the people's councils. However, this right is, in many cases, overlooked. For example, in Vlore, Berat, Peshkopi, and other places, the executive committees have arrogated this right and have issued directives. Certain executive committees, such as those in Vlore and Burrel, decide the number of members who are to serve in the various towns and villages, instead of leaving this function to the people's councils of the respective localities. The heads of many executive committees make all appointments, and promote and demote personnel, instead of leaving this function, in certain cases, to the executive committees.

In order to encourage initiative among the working masses and a broader participation on their part in government, the law specifies that permanent committees and other organs give periodic reports. In practice, however, necessary reports are not prepared or are incorrectly prepared.

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Certain executive committees, such as those of Skrapar and Lushnje, have committed flagrant violations of the law in removing several members of local village and town people's councils from office.

Both members and officers of the executive councils must make a special effort to become better acquainted with Albanian law, so that the errors noted above may not be repeated.

FAULTS IN KORCE DEMOCRATIC FRONT -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 2 Dec 51

A few days ago, a meeting was held by leaders of the Korce Democratic Front, to examine critically the quality of their work. From the report presented by Naum Gadeshi and the discussions of the members, it became clear that the Democratic Front of Korce District had accomplished fine results in, for example, its aid to the spring planting and fall harvesting campaigns. The front members, setting personal examples, assisted the campaigns materially. They also helped in mobilizing manpower resources for special tasks. The front organizations, time after time, have organized groups of hundreds of volunteers, who aided in the construction of the "3 November" Sugar Combine and other important projects.

However, although the primary party organizations achieved good results, the leaders of the Korce Democratic Front have not acquitted their obligations satisfactorily. These leaders have failed to meet and function regularly. Frequently, there was not a sufficient number of the 14 leaders present to conduct scheduled meetings. Sili Kasragi, vice chairman of the Korce Democratic Front, and Mico Simo, also a front officer, have repeatedly failed to be present at meetings and have demonstrated little interest in front matters.

The work of the leaders was particularly bad during November 1951. At a meeting scheduled to present and discuss the draft of the Five-Year Plan with the masses, there were not enough leaders present to go on with the proceedings. The leaders have failed to keep records or formulate specific programs and work plans for the front members. They have neglected to organize meetings and seminars to discuss problems with primary party organizations. Much to blame for this situation is the secretary of the front, who has been sending his secretary-treasurer to substitute for him at classes and meetings.

To remedy the situation, it was decided that a meeting of the council of the front be called during the first part of December to evolve specific work plans for the front leaders.

SCORE POOR USE OF PARTY NEWSPAPERS -- Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 15 Dec 51

During 1951, notable gains were made by the party organs in the political education of the masses. Nevertheless, there is still insufficient use made of printed party materials in general and newspapers in particular. In many cities, faulty and inefficient distribution explains the fact that newspapers are not delivered regularly and do not reach the readers on the day of publication. In many villages, the newspaper is received only twice weekly, as has occurred in Maleshove and in several villages of the Permet and Gjirokastra districts.

The party committees must establish better control over the apparatus for disseminating newspapers and other printed matter, and must never lose sight of the fact that the "press is the most powerful of all weapons in the class struggle." In not reading the press regularly, party members and committee members fail to avail themselves of the experience of others, and thereby also set an unfortunate example.

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At the beginning of the new year of 1952, special efforts should be made to increase the circulation of the newspapers and to improve their distribution. Lastly, it must not be forgotten that the press exists principally to be used and to be read.

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